

Hon. J. M. Ashley,
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after the previous question is called
of a majority of the House, I could
not get my amendment in, ~~and so~~
consented to "write" the word White in the
printed bill - with the understanding that
Judge Kelly of P.A. - should move & strike
out the word "White" and thus give us a
fair vote.

May I ask you to put this matter
before your readers & correct ~~the~~ the erro-
neous impression, which many
of our friends appear to entertain
I am.

Truly your friend

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Wm Ashley

=taining the Substitute, I offered to the Reconstruction bill, before the House. You will see by my remarks, where I stand on this great question.

As the provisions of this bill as so imperfectly understood, as to induce even Gerrit Smith to publish a letter addressed to me in opposition to any Reconstruction proposition, I wish you would correct them.

The Tribune, Boston Commonwealth and Anti Slavery Standard appear also to be laboring under a wrong impression.

The last Section 10 B. I do not regard as of much practical value. It was inserted to strengthen the hands of Union men in rebel States, to stop the mouths of northern rebels and approve by act of Congress the outstanding Proclamations of the President. At the next Session of course I will not con-
=sent to such a Section.

You know enough about our rules to understand that without the consent

Am. J. M. Ashley to Theodore Tilton.

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My dear sir.

I hoped to see you this-morning, but as I could not I write to say that I listened with pride and pleasure to your able and eloquent appeal for universal suffrage in the hall of the House of Reps last evening.

I regret that every member of the Senate & House were not present.

I suggest that the official proceedings of the meeting be published in pamphlet form and sent to all State & County Judges, Lawyers, Governors, Members of Legislatures & Congress and Ministers of all denominations.

The Nation must be so educated by the meeting of the next Congress that the Union members will be a unit on the question of re-construction.

I enclose you two Globes con-